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Mr. F. Garner Ranney  
8 West Madison Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. Ranney:

With this letter I transmit a bequest form received from the National Archives to authorize that organization to accept as a gift from Mrs. Dulles, certain papers relating to the service of Mr. Allen W. Dulles on the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (the Warren Commission). As explained in the form, these papers are currently withheld from research under procedures established for the administration of the Commission's records.

The Archives requests that Mrs. Dulles sign both copies of the bequest form and return the carbon to Mr. James B. Rhoads, Archivist of the United States, Washington, D. C. 20408, retaining the ribbon copy for her records.

The National Archives affirms that all of the remainder of Mr. Dulles' copies of Warren Commission documents have now been declassified and can be made available for research, as far as any content of the Commission's investigation is concerned. The Archives cautions that some of the letters in the two folders of private papers labelled "Miscellaneous Correspondence" and "Crackpot Letters" should be considered for withholding from research on the basis of possible invasions of personal privacy.

Finally, the Archives have informed me that when the donated documents are made available for research, they shall be pleased to furnish copies to the Princeton University Library in order that they can be included in the Dulles Papers.

This Agency is happy to have been of assistance to Mrs. Dulles in arranging for the review of these documents by the National Archives in order to complete the intended bequest to Princeton University.

Sincerely yours,



CIA Historian

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Enclosures

GIFT OF PRIVATE PAPERS OF

Allen W. Dulles

TO THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I, Mrs. Allen W. Dulles, hereby give to the United States of America for permanent deposit in the National Archives and Records Service and for administration and preservation therein personal papers of Allen W. Dulles described as follows:

Copies of 13 documents and two pages from Commission Document 1177 (2 linear inches) among the records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, which are currently withheld from research under the procedures established for the administration of the Commission's records.

These personal papers are deposited in the National Archives and Records Service subject to the following terms.

1. Transfer of title to these papers becomes effective as of the date of execution of this instrument.
2. These papers shall be kept permanently in the National Archives and Records Service subject to the right of the Archivist of the United States to remove them temporarily as safety and preservation may require.
3. The National Archives will undertake to carry out such approved document restoration practices as may be required for the optimum preservation of these papers.

Donee:

James B. Rhodes      Washington, DC      6-18-73  
Archivist of the United States      Address      Date

Donor:

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Mrs. Allen W. Dulles      Address      Date

GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW OF MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO  
THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

1. Statutory requirements prohibiting disclosure should be observed.
2. Security classifications should be respected, but the agency responsible for the classification should carefully re-evaluate the contents of each classified document and determine whether the classification can, consistently with the national security, be eliminated or downgraded.
3. Unclassified material which has not already been disclosed in another form should be made available to the public on a regular basis unless disclosure--
  - (A) Would be detrimental to the administration and enforcement of the laws and regulations of the United States and its agencies;
  - (B) Might reveal the identity of confidential sources of information and impede or jeopardize future investigations by precluding or limiting the use of the same or similar sources hereafter;
  - (C) Would be a source of embarrassment to innocent persons, who are the subject, source, or apparent source of the material in question, because it contains gossip and rumor or details of a personal nature having no significant connection with the assassination of the President;

~~(D) Would reveal material pertinent to the criminal prosecution of Jack Ruby for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, prior to the final judicial determination of that case.~~

Whenever one of the above reasons for nondisclosure may apply, your department should, in determining whether or not to authorize disclosure, weigh that reason against the overriding policy of the Executive Branch favoring the fullest possible disclosure.;

Unless sooner released to the public, classified and unclassified material which is not now made available to the public shall, as a minimum, be reviewed by the agency concerned five years and ten years after the initial examination has been completed. The criteria applied in the initial examination, outlined above, should be applied to determine whether changed circumstances will permit further disclosure. Similar reviews should be undertaken at ten-year intervals until all materials are opened for legitimate research purposes. The Archivist of the United States will arrange for such review at the appropriate time. Whenever possible provision should be made for the automatic declassification of classified material which cannot be declassified at this time.

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NOTE ATTACHED TO LETTER TO MR. F. GARNER RANNEY DATED 26 JUN 1973